

PUBLIC HOSPITAL DISTRICT NO. 2 OF SNOHOMISH COUNTY, WASHINGTON
VERDANT HEALTH COMMISSION

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**Regular Meeting
via Zoom
April 28, 2021**

**Commissioners
Present**

Bob Knowles, President (via Zoom)
Dr. Jim Distelhorst, Secretary (via Zoom)
Karianna Wilson, Commissioner (via Zoom, 8:08 a.m. arrival)
Deana Knutsen, Commissioner (via Zoom)
Fred Langer, Commissioner (via Zoom)

Staff

Lisa Edwards, EdD, Superintendent (via Zoom)
Jennifer Piplic, Marketing Director (via Zoom)
Sue Waldin, Community Wellness Program Manager (via Zoom)
Sandra Huber, Community Engagement Manager (via Zoom)
Nancy Budd, Community Social Worker (via Zoom)
Zoe Reese, Director of Community Impact (via Zoom)
Tammy Keuser, Director of Finance and Operations (via Zoom)
Tammy Weenink, Executive Assistant/Office Manager (via Zoom)

Guests

Ms. Christine Frizzell, Jean Kim Foundation Board Member (via Zoom)
Ms. Joan Jolly, Jean Kim Foundation Board Member (via Zoom)
Ms. Amberlee Bell, Jean Kim Foundation/Lynnwood Hygiene Center staff (via Zoom)
Ms. Kristina Simmons, Jean Kim Foundation/Lynnwood Hygiene Center staff (via Zoom)
Mr. Brad Berg, Foster Garvey (via Zoom)
Mr. Howard Thomas, Thomas & Associates (via Zoom)
Members of the Community (via Zoom)

Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Public Hospital District No. 2, Snohomish County, was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by President Knowles.

**Approval of
Minutes**

Motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting on March 24, 2021. (E:22:21)

**Community
Presentation**

Ms. Piplic introduced Ms. Jolly and Ms. Frizzell, Jean Kim Foundation Board Members, and Ms. Bell and Ms. Simmons from the Lynnwood Hygiene Center. Ms. Piplic gave a brief overview of the presentation and video and acknowledged Mr. Franco, Verdant's Social Media Intern, for filming and editing the video taken at the Lynnwood Hygiene Center that was played as part of the presentation.

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Ms. Frizzell stated that the Hygiene Center started operation a year ago on April 5, 2020. Since the center has been open, they have offered 6,827 showers to 738 different people and this year Ms. Frizzell anticipates the number of showers offered to go up to 8,600 in the first quarter of 2021. Ms. Frizzell mentioned Jeff Butler, the owner of the building, and shared the news that the building will be available for the Hygiene Center's use for another year. Ms. Frizzell thanked Verdant for the support and partnership and acknowledged Hygiene Center employees Ms. Bell and Ms. Simmons for their good work and how they have become very trusted and respected employees.

Ms. Jolly reported that she has spent time at the Hygiene Center meeting with the clients to help them renew their documents such as ID cards, apply for support through DSHS, and create online accounts.

President Knowles thanked Ms. Frizzell, Ms. Jolly, and staff and said that it is good to know that Verdant resources are going to supporting such an important community service.

Commissioner Knutsen commented that her family sees a lot of people using the Hygiene Center as they live close by, and she appreciates what a great job that the center is doing.

Secretary Distelhorst thanked Ms. Frizzell and staff for providing this service and for helping people get back into school and finding employment.

**Superintendent
Report**

Dr. Edwards reported that April has been busy a month at Verdant with community engagement. Dr. Edwards and Ms. Reese visited the Washington Kids in Transition site and assisted in packing food and staff have dates on the calendar to visit other organizations that Verdant is supporting.

Dr. Edwards toured Swedish Hospital to learn about the capital improvements made in 2020 and so far in 2021. Dr. Edwards has asked for a report on improvements that are on hold or delayed plus future planned capital projects in 2022. That report was recently shared with commissioners.

Ms. Reese, Ms. Keuser and Dr. Edwards visited the Kruger Clinic with Mike Denney, Swedish's Chief Real Estate Officer. There was discussion about how the leased offices are currently being utilized by the hospital and the possibility of moving billable services from the hospital to Kruger Clinic to free up needed space.

Dr. Edwards attended the CEO Roundtable discussion on April 12. A presentation was given by the families of Tigray, Ethiopia.

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The family members are asking for elected officials to advocate on their behalf for intervention to stop civil war and unrest and many of the speakers have lost 5-7 family members. Dr. Edwards would like to explore how Verdant can help support these families.

Dr. Edwards met with South County Fire on April 20 to discuss their interest in the Value Village Property and also met with the co-owners of the Party Store. Additional meetings were had with City planners and developers to better understand the impact on low-income housing when the light rail station opens.

The Everett Herald has invited Dr. Edwards to participate in a Saturday blog/forum on positive topics about our community. Ms. Piplic and Dr. Edwards will be working together on the articles that will be forwarded to commissioners for approval before being published.

**Executive
Committee
Report**

President Knowles reported that the committee met on Wednesday, April 21, 2021 to review the agenda for the April 28, 2021 board meeting. No action was taken.

**Finance
Committee
Report**

The Finance Committee met on April 19, 2021. Ms. Keuser reviewed the financial statement and cash activity for March 2021 (E:23:21) and noted anything over \$5,000 in payment from the warrants.

**Authorization for
Payment of
Voucher and
Payroll**

Authorization for payment of vouchers and payroll: Warrant numbers 14758 through 14816 for March 2021 for payment in the amount of \$82,883.19 were presented for approval (E:24:21) by Commissioner Langer. ***Motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve.***

**Program
Committee
Update**

Commissioner Knutsen reported that the Program Committee met on April 15, 2021 and reviewed new grant modification requests and the Q1 grant process feedback.

**Conflicts of
Interest**

No conflicts of interest reported.

**Grant
Modification**

Center for Human Services is requesting to modify the staffing model of their \$100,385 contract for their Behavioral Health Integration Program effective 3/1/2020-2/28/2023 due to staff turnover (E:25:21). ***Motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve.***

ChildStrive is requesting to modify contract report deadlines from the 15th of the month to the last day of the month for their \$328,483.92 contract for their Early Intervention program

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effective 4/1/2021-3/31/2022 (E:25:21). ***Motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve.***

Superintendent's Discretionary Funds

Ms. Reese reported on newly funded contracts (E:25:21):

- City of Edmonds LEAP project, 4/1/21-6/30/21, \$36,000
- DVS Flex Funding, 4/1/21-12/31/21, \$26,737
- VOAWW Emergency Shelter, 4/15/21-12/31/21, \$20,000

Q2 2021 Grant Making

Ms. Reese reported on key dates for the upcoming Q2 grant making. An open Q&A session will be held on May 10, grant applications will be accepted May 17-28, and all materials have been posted on the website. Ms. Reese expects to see a bigger group of contract renewals vs. new contracts for Q2.

Upcoming Training and Technical Assistance

- VPR (Verdant Partner Roundtable) networking May 7, 2021
- Application Coaching/Bootcamp
- Prevention Institutes Collaboration Multiplier

COVID Testing and Vaccine Partnerships

- Mass vaccination site (SVNA, Edmonds College) YTD: 22,800 vaccinations. Starting to routinely get 10,000 doses weekly for Snohomish County.
- Adult Family Home (South County Fire) vaccinations YTD: 98 facilities visited and 2,629 vaccinations given

Verdant Program and Marketing Highlights

See exhibit (E:26:21) for updates on program staff and marketing highlights.

Public Comments

Mr. Zapora, Edmonds community member, thanked Verdant for the great work being done and continues to be impressed by the work at the Edmonds College. Mr. Zapora is excited about the possibility of fully vaccinating 10 to 14 thousand students, faculty, and staff through a vaccination event at the college.

Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Distelhorst says that he appreciates all the training that Verdant will be giving to potential grantees and local startups and is very glad we are reaching out to small community-based organizations.

Commissioner Knutsen commented on all the good work Verdant has been accomplished in the past month.

Commissioner Langer commented on the efficiency of the vaccination site at Edmonds College.

Meeting Recess

President Knowles recessed the meeting at 8:58 a.m. to reconvene at 9:10 a.m.

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Executive Session

President Knowles reconvened the regular meeting at 9:10 a.m. and immediately recessed the regular meeting into Executive Session to discuss Real estate sale, purchase, or lease if a likelihood that disclosure would increase price. If agency is seller/lessor, only minimum price may be discussed & factors influencing price must be discussed in public session. Mr. Berg and Mr. Thomas participated in Executive Session. President Knowles announced that Executive Session would reconvene in 50 minutes and no action would be taken in Executive Session.

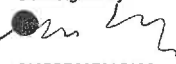
Open Session

The board reconvened into Open Session at 10:00 a.m.


Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

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President

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